

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

On page 6, after the paragraph ending on line 28, please insert the following new paragraph.

Fig. 11 is a block diagram showing another embodiment of the billing system according to the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 3-11 as follows.

~~Now, in the case w~~Where the distribution service described above for distributing the service program 41 is ~~a business commercially provided for users~~, it can be assumed that a ~~billing user is carried out charged~~ at the time ~~of such distribution or at fixed time intervals until the dissolution of a contract for receiving distribution~~ the service program 41 is distributed. Alternatively, the user may be charged per unit time until expiration of the distribution contract. In this case, ~~it is possible for if~~ the server terminal 20 is authorized to distribute the service program 41 to ~~an unlimited number of other~~ terminals 30 in unlimited numbers and. ~~Consequently, if one of the terminals that receive[[s]]d the service program 41 can function-serves~~ as a server terminal, the service program 41 would be distributed without limit. However, a problem may exist that the person managing the server 10 ~~which is capable of unlimited distribution of the service program 41 can only obtain a billing of transmissions to the first server terminal~~ may charge no more than an amount due based on the first distribution to the server terminal.

Please amend the paragraph on page 20, line 31 through page 21, line 3 as follows.

Further, ~~because~~ the server terminal 20 ~~carries out~~ notifies ~~[[a]]~~ other terminals 30 ~~billing of its own to be charged for the received service program and is equipped with~~ has a distribution function for distributing the service program to the other terminals 30~~[[,]].~~ ~~T~~~~[[t]]~~he billing ~~for the actual to other~~ terminals 30 that use the service program may be ~~carried out~~ notified from each of ~~such the other~~ terminals 30. In this case, each of the terminals 30 that received ~~[[a]]~~ the service program sends a notice indicating reception of ~~such the~~ service program (together with information such as the name of the service program) to a billing server 50, and then in accordance with ~~such the~~ notice, the billing server 50 carries out ~~[[a]]~~ billing services for the other terminals 30 ~~issu~~~~[[ing]]~~ed ~~such the~~ notice.